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SUBJECT: UGANDA AND THE OAU

THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PASSED US THE FOLLOWING REPORT
FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA ON THE OAU INFORMATION
MINISTERS MEETING IN KAMPALA.

BEGIN TEXT:

(1) PRESIDENT AMIN ON NOVEMBER 7, 1977 OPENED A
CONFERENCE OF THE MINISTERS OF INFORMATION OF THE OAU
COUNTRIES. DELEGATIONS FROM ABOUT FORTY AFRICAN
COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED IN THE OPENING CEREMONIES, WHICH
TOOK PLACE IN ARUA (IN THE NORTHWEST OF THE COUNTRY)
AND FEATURED THE INAUGURATION OF UGANDA'S FIRST
SATELLITE RECEIVER STATION. THIS SATELLITE STATION
IS OF THE TYPE STANDARD B, WHICH WAS BUILT BY THE
AMERICAN HARRIS CORPORATION, AND ENABLES UGANDA TO LINK
UP DIRECTLY WITH INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEX
COMMUNICATIONS AND TO RECEIVE AND TRANSMIT INTERNATIONAL
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(2) IN HIS OPENING SPEECH, AMIN SAID THAT THE TOP
PRIORITY FOR THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE TO SET UP A
PAN-AFRICAN NEWS AGENCY. THIS PROJECT, WHICH HAD
ALREADY BEEN CONTEMPLATED WHEN THE OAU WAS FORMED,
SHOULD BE REALIZED SINCE IT WAS ONLY IN THIS WAY THAT

AFRICA COULD BECOME INDEPENDENT FROM THE BIG WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES.

(3) AMIN TIED HIS REMARKS TO ATTACKS AGAINST THE WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES WHICH, HE SAID, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUING THE EXPLOITATION OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. TO THIS END, THEY HAD TRANSMITTED FALSE NEWS AND PROMOTED CONFLICTS AMONG AFRICAN STATES. THE BALANCE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES WAS NEGATIVE FOR AFRICANS.

(4) AMIN PROPOSED OFFICIALLY THAT HIS COUNTRY BECOME THE SEAT OF THE YET-TO-BE-CREATED NEWS AGENCY. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE NOT ONLY CITED UGANDA'S GOOD GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND EXCELLENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, BUT ALSO STRESSED THAT UGANDA, AS A REVOLUTIONARY COUNTRY, WAS INDEPENDENT OF WESTERN INFLUENCES.

(5) AMIN SAID ANOTHER URGENT TASK OF THE CONFERENCE WAS TO DISCUSS THE ARAB LEAGUE'S PROPOSAL FOR FORMING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE MINISTERS OF INFORMATION OF THE OAU AND ARAB LEAGUE.

(6) EVALUATION: IN THE OPINION OF SEVERAL CONFERENCE OBSERVERS, THE CONFERENCE MOST PROBABLY WILL NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCOMPLISH MORE THAN A GENERAL RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PAN-AFRICAN NEWS AGENCY. THUS FAR, THE DELEGATES HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED WITH ANY DETAILED INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD FACILITATE CONCRETE DELIBERATIONS.

END TEXT.
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